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Sir:

Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-2866 was charged \$180.00 on February 15, 2006, under Code 1806 for filing an Information Disclosure Statement. This charge is erroneous. The reasons set forth below:

On February 7, 2006, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(b), namely, an Information Disclosure Statement before issuance of an Office Action on the merits. No fee should be incurred. Applicants note that a Request for Continued Examination was filed on December 2, 2005 in the instant application.

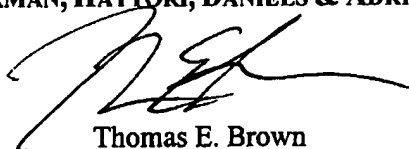
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